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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Andrew Schechter

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 July 1999.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3.
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. Claims 1, 2, and 4-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Katsuya et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,081,310. (This rejection could be overcome by perfecting the foreign priority by submitting a certified translation of the foreign priority document; in which case it is possible that the document JP 09-322712, listed under Foreign Application Priority Data for this reference, would still present grounds for rejecting these claims.)

Considering the limitations of claims 1, 2, and 4-7, *Katsuya* discloses a reflective-type LCD device comprising a display electrode [15] made of a reflective material (silver) and a back-surface electrode [14], which can be made of Cr [col. 10, line 65]. The two electrodes are patterned in the same shape [col. 11, lines 11-13]. There is a transistor made of polycrystalline silicon [col. 9, lines 38-51], interconnected to the back-

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surface electrode through a contact hole [13]. Claims 1, 2, and 4-7 are therefore anticipated.

Considering the limitations of claims 8-11, *Katsuya* discloses a method of manufacturing the above liquid crystal display device comprising the steps detailed in the claims. Claims 8-11 are therefore anticipated.

3. Claims 1-3, and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Lu et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,764,324.

Considering the limitations of claims 1-3 and 5-7, *Lu* discloses a reflective LCD device with a display electrode [32] made of aluminum [col. 5, lines 65-66] and a back-surface electrode [30] having a high-melting point [tungsten, col. 4, line 18]. Claims 1-3 are therefore anticipated. There is also a TFT made of polysilicon [col. 3, lines 41-42] interconnected with the back-surface electrode via a contact hole [col. 4, lines 19-20]. Claims 5-7 are therefore anticipated.


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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Schechter whose telephone number is (703) 306-5801. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Sikes can be reached on (703) 308-4842. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7722 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.


Andrew Schechter
April 16, 2001


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PRIMARY EXAMINER